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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
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- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Applicant must file an English translation of the application, the \$ 130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be determined.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:

- The drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) (see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1)). See Figure(s) 1-6.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$1030** for a Large Entity

- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- **\$130** for English translation surcharge required.

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In re Application of:

Yoshihiko KURASHIMA et al.

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For: FIRING FURNACE AND FIRING METHOD

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PARKHURST & WENDEL

Sir:

The above identified application was duly filed on April 19, 2004, in the Japanese language. Accordingly, submitted herewith is a Verified English-language Translation of the application. Also, submitted herewith is a fully executed Declaration of the inventors. Attached is our Check No. 17941 in the amount of \$1,426.00, which includes \$130.00 to cover the payment of the fee in accordance with 37 CFR §1.17(i), \$130.00 to cover the payment of the fee in accordance with 37 CFR §1.16(e), and \$1,166.00 to cover the full filing fees.

Entry of these documents should complete all of the filing formalities, and fully satisfy the Notice to File Missing Parts

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mailed June 28, 2004. Accordingly, examination and allowance of the application in due course are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 160331. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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